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Mr. SAMI VENKATACHALAM CHETTIYAR :—" True, Sir. Apart from those questions, I sent other questions about which I received no communication. I do not raise any objection to the questions disallowed by you so far."

The hon. the PRESIDENT :—" Then the case is that the hon. Member has had no notice that this question is being put in this changed form. Was there not a notice of questions which the hon. Member must have received some time ago ? "

Mr. SAMI VENKATACHALAM CHETTIYAR :—" I am afraid I have not perused it, Sir. This last one (holding the printed copy in his hand) is the only notice paper that I have perused so far. As I could raise this objection only at question time, I am referring to it now."

The hon. the PRESIDENT :—" The hon. Member is apparently dissatisfied with the way in which the questions were altered. It is perfectly open to him to tell the Secretary that he does not like his questions to be changed and it will then be for the Secretary to consider the objection and suggest some other method of procedure. I would therefore advise the hon. Member to write to the Secretary what he wants to say on the matter, and I shall then dispose of it."

Public Health.

Nuisance caused by patients suffering from contagious diseases in Mangalore.

330 *Q.*—Mr. J. A. SALDANHA : Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the number of persons suffering from leprosy, syphilis and other loathsome diseases or crowding in public places is so large as to be a serious menace to the public health of the town ;

(*b*) what steps are being taken to stop this nuisance under the existing law ;

(*c*) what arrangements are made for accommodation and treatment of such patients ;

(*d*) what grants are given by Government to existing Missionary or other Leper Asylums in South Kanara ; and

(*e*) whether these grants are found sufficient for isolating lepers ?

A.—(*a*), (*b*) & (*c*) The Government have no information.

(*d*) A capitation grant of Rs. 4-8-0 per mensem for each inmate treated subject to a maximum of Rs. 3,670 a year is paid to the St. Joseph's Leper Asylum at Mangalore.

(*e*) The grant is not intended to cover the entire cost of segregating lepers.

Mr. J. A. SALDANHA :—" The increase of lepers prowling in the public streets of Mangalore is becoming a serious nuisance and it is now greater than before. And attention has been drawn to this matter in several papers in Mangalore and Calicut. Will the hon. the Chief Minister therefore be pleased to call for information mentioned in clauses (*a*) to (*c*) ? "

The hon. the RAJA OF PANAGAL :—" The Government have no objection to call for the information, Sir."